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## BLAIR HEADS LUNA COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Columbus man now heads the Organization in this county—Was the unanimous choice of all the candidates for the county offices.

At a meeting of the precinct chairmen of Luna county, held in Deming last Monday, J. R. Blair of Columbus was unanimously elected chairman of the republican central committee. The candidates and the party were dissatisfied with Noonan, who elected himself chairman at the republican county convention, and his resignation was desired. A number of the leaders assembled in A. W. Pollard's office last Saturday and received the resignation of Noonan. A man to take his place was not elected at that time, but a meeting of the precinct chairmen was called for Monday, which was unanimously in favor of the Columbus man.

It seems that none of the candidates favored Noonan as the chairman but all are well pleased with the selection of Mr. Blair.

This was a wise choice for the republicans, and if Mr. Blair controls the party as well as he does his own affairs there is a probability of great things being accomplished.

## MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR COLUMBUS JAIL

At the regular quarterly session of the county commissioners held in Deming last week an appropriation of \$300 was made to apply on the building of a \$600 jail in the village of Columbus. The board of trustees having agreed to meet the county half way in the erection of a place to confine prisoners. The marshal has had some job on his hands with no place to lock up prisoners and in many instances when the police judge had a man up before him when he really thought he deserved a jail sentence has released him exacting his promise to get out of the state simply because there was no place to use as a jail nearer than Deming, and a trip to the county seat with a prisoner in rather expensive punishment from the state's point of view.

The location of the jail has not been decided upon but the west part of the street from the new water works plant has been discussed and the building will probably be located there.

## DO NOT FORGET TO REGISTER IF YOU WISH TO VOTE

You will be denied the right of suffrage this fall if your name does not appear on the registration books. Another opportunity will be given those who have not registered tomorrow, the 14th. The books will also be open on October 21 and 28. Do not forget to register. Call at the justice's office any time between the hours of nine and twelve or two and six.

## GUARDSMEN TO HAVE RECREATION HALL

The people of the state of New Mexico are being asked to subscribe funds to build a recreation hall for the national guard of the state now stationed at Columbus. The men are asking for the sum of \$1,000 and Santa Fe will raise her share of this amount, according to a statement made by the president of the women's board of trade of that city. A committee composed of Major Ruppe, Captain Molinari and Chaplain Vincent is sending out letters from here explaining the plans of the guardsmen.

## Government Crop Report

Washington, D. C. October 9, 1916.—A summary of the October crop report for the state of New Mexico and for the United States, as compiled by the bureau of crop estimates (and transmitted through the weather bureau), U. S. department of agriculture, is as follows:

Corn: State: October 1 forecast, 2,590,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 2,730,000 bushels. United States, October 1 forecast, 2,720,000,000 bushels; production last year, (final estimate), 3,054,535,000 bushels.

All Wheat: State: Preliminary estimate, 2,160,000 bushels production last year (final estimate), 2,156,000 bushels. United States: Preliminary estimate, 608,000,000 bushels; production last year, (final estimate), 1,011,505,000 bushels.

Oats: State: Preliminary estimate, 1,910,000 bushels, production last year (final estimate), 2,160,000 bushels. United States: Preliminary estimate, 1,230,000,000 bushels, production last year (final estimate), 1,540,362,000 bushels.

Potatoes: State: October 1 forecast, 810,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 800,000 bushels. United States: October 1 forecast, 301,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 359,103,000 bushels.

Hay: State: Preliminary estimate, 362,000 tons; production last year (final estimate), 442,000 tons. United States: Preliminary estimate, 86,155,000 tons; production last year (final estimate), 85,235,000 tons.

Apples: State: October 1 forecast, 119,000 barrels; production last year, (final estimate), 273,000 barrels. United States: October 1 forecast, 66,200,000 barrels; production last year (final estimate), 76,670,000 barrels.

Prices: The first price given below is the average on October 1 of this year, and the second the average on October 1 last year:

State: Wheat, \$1.28 and \$.93 per bushel. Corn, \$.92 and \$.79. Oats, \$.50 and \$.62. Potatoes, \$1.20 and \$1.11. Hay, \$12.00 and \$9.00 per ton. Eggs, \$.28 and \$.25 per dozen.

United States: Wheat, \$1.36 and \$.90 per bushel. Corn, \$.82 and \$.70. Oats, \$.44 and \$.34. Potatoes, \$1.12 and \$.48. Hay, \$10.36 and \$10.69 per ton. Eggs, \$.281 and \$.223 per dozen.

## NEW MEXICO OFFICER DIES IN HOSPITAL

Lieutenant Antonio J. Luna, of the New Mexico regiment of Infantry, died in the base hospital here Monday morning. He was taken ill but a few days before his death with acute endocarditis. His condition grew rapidly worse, but it was not until early Monday morning that his life was despaired of.

Lieutenant Luna was a graduate of Washington and Lee University of Virginia, and was a prominent young member of the New Mexico bar at his home in Santa Fe. He was a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families in the state. A brother, Captain Max Luna, commanded a troop of Rough Riders during the Spanish-American war and later lost his life while a member of the staff of General Lawton in the Philippine Islands.

The body was shipped to Santa Fe for burial.

## MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LUNA COUNTY, N. M.

At a meeting of the republican county central committee of Luna county, New Mexico, held on Monday, October 9th, 1916, at the office of A. A. Tempke, there were present:

Frank Samuels, precinct No. 1, John Hestand, precinct No. 4, J. R. Blair, precinct No. 5, E. A. Davis, precinct No. 7, C. R. Rambo, precinct No. 8, Tom Baker, precinct No. 6.

A majority of the committee-men being present, in the absence of a county chairman, the meeting was called to order by Frank Samuels and the business of the meeting proceeded with.

It is moved by R. H. Case, seconded by C. R. Rambo, that J. R. Blair be elected chairman and A. A. Tempke be elected secretary of the republican county central committee. All members present voting in favor of said motion the same was by the presiding officer declared carried, and J. R. Blair was declared elected chairman and A. A. Tempke secretary of the republican county central committee of Luna county.

It is moved by C. R. Rambo, seconded by R. H. Case, that the names of E. P. Payton, for county clerk, and James West for county commissioner from commissioner district No. 1, be placed upon the republican county ticket to fill the vacancies all voting in favor of said motion it is so ordered.

It is moved and seconded that the chairman select ten additional republicans, who with the precinct chairman from the seven precincts shall constitute the executive committee.

Upon motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned.

FRANK E. SAMUELS  
Acting Chairman

Attest:  
A. A. TEMPKE  
Secretary

Boost Columbus by patronizing her industries.

## CITY WILL LAY 3,000 MORE FEET OF MAINS

The village trustees have purchased 3,000 additional feet of pipe to enlarge the water works. This amount of pipe added to the system will supply all the business part of town and will put mains in reach of the residences close in. The only thing holding up the use of the new well now is the motor and it has arrived and will be installed at once.

The trustees have also purchased several fire hydrants and they will be placed so they will be convenient in case of a fire in the business section of town.

The chemical fire engines which were bought several weeks ago are here. The manufacturer claims each of the engines to equal 8,000 pails of water in extinguishing a fire.

Columbus will soon be prepared to fight fire pretty well. Of course we will not be able to work on the scale of the fire departments of the large cities, but taking everything into consideration the system should be sufficient for Columbus at the present time.

The insurance rates no doubt will be lowered. The rate has seemed high, but as we have in the past been totally unprepared to make any resistance whatever the people were lucky to be able to buy protection at all.

## AUXILIARY MEETS WITH MRS. HULSEY

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Baptist church of Columbus held an enthusiastic session with Mrs. Hulsey at her residence last Thursday. Almost the entire strength of the society was represented. Mrs. Page the president was in the chair, and after roll call and routine business was disposed of; the new business taken up included plans for an entertainment to help on the building fund of the church, which is well under way.

It is thought the most attractive way of making money for the good cause and giving everyone a good time, simultaneously is a box lunch party. This will consist of dainty lunches, largely of chicken and sweets put up in boxes large enough for a couple—the price will be moderate and the quality first class. Each purchaser of a box is supposed to share it with a partner. In addition there will be an entertainment made up of local talent, music and recitations being featured.

The box lunch party will probably be held within two weeks, and the date will be announced later in the Courier. It is hoped that the Y. M. C. A. hall will be loaned for the evening, for the party is largely for the soldiers and their civilian friends, and the entertainment will not conflict with the ordinary use of the hall.

A call meeting of the Auxiliary is planned for next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lee A. Riggs; and all interested in getting up the box lunch are earnestly requested to be present.

Among the ladies present at Mrs. Hulsey's were Mesdames McCullough, Carney, Tindel, Doby, Parks, Walker, Smith, McWhartters, Dreyer, and Miss Smith.

## PROCEEDINGS IN THE POLICE COURT

Chas. Kroeger, Joe Maley, John Malone, and Leo Osborne were each given jail sentences for being drunk and disorderly, and Mosely Nichols was fined \$100 for unlawfully selling the booze. An unusually large number of vagrants were brought before the judge and all were released with their promise to vacate.

The dedication of Elephant Butte Dam will be reported for the Courier by Mrs. J. Cabell Herbert of the New York Telegraph, who attends the big ceremony as the guest of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

Boost Columbus by patronizing her industries.

## CASEY IS DISCHARGED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Harry J. Casey, who was held to the grand jury several months ago, on a charge of resisting an officer, was released Thursday, the grand jury failing to make an indictment. The case excited a great amount of interest at the time. Casey had been arrested charged with causing a disturbance on the street. He resisted officer Trumble when he went to search him before taking him to the bull pen. Trumble proceeded to beat up Casey and broke his nose. Casey was up before Judge Peach the following morning facing several different charges, among which were trying to incite a riot and resisting an officer. The last named charge he was found to be guilty of and was held for the action of the grand jury. W. C. Hoover and J. L. Greenwood signing the bond as sureties.

An indictment was made by the grand jury in the case of W. J. Robertson for selling intoxicating liquors. We understand that C. H. Johnson was released from a similar charge.

## MISS DABNEY IS TO REPRESENT COLUMBUS

Mayor T. H. Dabney Wednesday appointed his daughter, Miss Frances Dabney to represent the town in the capacity of Miss Columbus at the grand ball tendered the sister city queens by Miss El Paso (Miss Small) at the grounds of the international soil products exposition in El Paso on October 19th.

It is not known who will accompany Miss Dabney, though quite a number of the Columbus people are planning to attend the exposition.

## MRS. HERBERT ENTER- TAINS W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. met Tuesday last with Mrs. Jean Cabell Herbert and although many members were absent owing to preparation for the "pie feast" at the M. E. church, a pleasant and useful session was held. Mrs. Peters was in the chair and opened the religious exercises with Bible reading followed by prayer.

In the absence of the secretary Mrs. Herbert called the roll and took the minutes of the meeting. There being no regular program reading of extracts of utterances from representative bodies of different church organizations in endorsement of prohibition were given.

It was noted from some of the readings that the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church representing upward of ten million adherents and friends in the quadrennial session held at Saratoga, New York, passed "the most ringing resolutions against liquor traffic." So appropriate to the times, so just and unbiased was the arraignment of the evil of liquor selling to the community, and liquor drinking to the individual that the resolutions will probably strike a responsive chord in all who believe in efficiency in business, and peace and happiness in domestic relations.

The Right Rev. Charles P. Anderson, bishop of the P. E. church, Diocese of Chicago in an address given at the largest theatre in the great city recently declared "It is probable that we will look back to our tolerance of the liquor traffic as we now look back upon slavery as an institution. Every man and woman of the Episcopal church should take a leading part in this great movement for the suppression of the liquor traffic."

Erroneously, the Roman Catholic church has been thought to look with a certain degree of tolerance on the sale and use of intoxicants. In refutation of this the following extract printed in the New Mexico issue, was read: "At the last convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, Arch-Bishop John J. Keane presented resolutions which were reverently and enthusiastically adopted" to-wit: "We representatives of the

## MR. FLOWERS SPEAKS TO A LARGE AUDIENCE

Celebrated orator delivers one of the orations that has made him famous—Speaks for two hours to large and appreciative audience.

One of the largest audiences ever seen at a political gathering in Columbus greeted Montaville Flowers, of California, at the Airdome Theatre Tuesday evening. Mr. Flowers held his audience spell-bound for two hours the only interruptions being the applause when the names of Lincoln, McKinley, Roosevelt, and Charles Evans Hughes were mentioned, and when a shower of rain began to fall, which sent part of the crowd away and the remaining ones took position on the stage.

Mr. Flowers had been sent to Columbus by the national republican committee and while it was expected that he would deliver a republican campaign speech, it could hardly be called such. He began with the history of the two great political parties, briefly tracing them on down to the present time, giving each side credit where credit was due, explaining the errors as he saw them.

He discussed the Wilson administration, dwelling at length on the pledges made in the campaign four years ago, which have not been kept. The one-term plank contained in the Baltimore platform was brought to mind. The statement also in the platform that tariff other than for revenue was not right and was unjust he read from the democratic text book of 1912, and then reminded his hearers of the recent protective tariff law on sugar. The child labor law and the joker it contains was discussed, also, but what was of the most interest to the people was his handling of the Mexican question. Mr. Wilson, according to the speaker's viewpoint had neglected to keep his pledge to the American people, in failing to protect life and property in foreign lands.

Many other important issues of the campaign were touched, but space will not be taken to recall them. Several democrats were present and none could help but admire his straight forward and convincing methods he employed in the address.

The speaker was introduced by County Chairman, J. R. Blair in a few remarks, in which he stated that Mr. Flowers was no politician and was not a candidate for any office.

Harry Whitehill drove Mr. Flowers over from Deming, where he had spoken the evening before. After here he went to Las Cruces and then to two or three points in the eastern part of the state and then left for Indiana, where he will stay during the remainder of the campaign.

His main idea in coming to the border was to get first-hand information on the Mexican question, and he said that he had learned many stories that he would tell the people back east.

## COLUMBUS CANDIDATES VISIT COUNTY SEAT

S. C. Pierce and E. Engendorf went up to Deming last Saturday on their first campaign trip. They remained only a short time returning home Sunday afternoon. The boys say the situation looks very favorable to them. Mrs. Pierce and J. R. Blair accompanied them on the trip.

## TIRE CO. ESTABLISHES A BRANCH HERE

The B. F. Goodrich Company, a Michigan corporation with a capital of \$500,000, was this week admitted to do business in the state of New Mexico. It will establish a branch here in Columbus, with Erwin Oderhen as statutory agent.

## Work Shirts and Overalls

When you buy work shirts or overalls you want something that will stand up under hard wear and give satisfaction in fit and convenience. Our work shirts are made up in several colors and vary in weights and materials from the light chambray to the heaviest of flannels and woollens. They are manufactured by the best shirt makers in America and are first class in finish and workmanship.

No matter what your work may be you will find our line of jackets and overalls suited to your demands.

# SAM RAVEL

THE DOLLAR OR DIME YOU SPEND WITH US STAYS RIGHT HERE AT HOME

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